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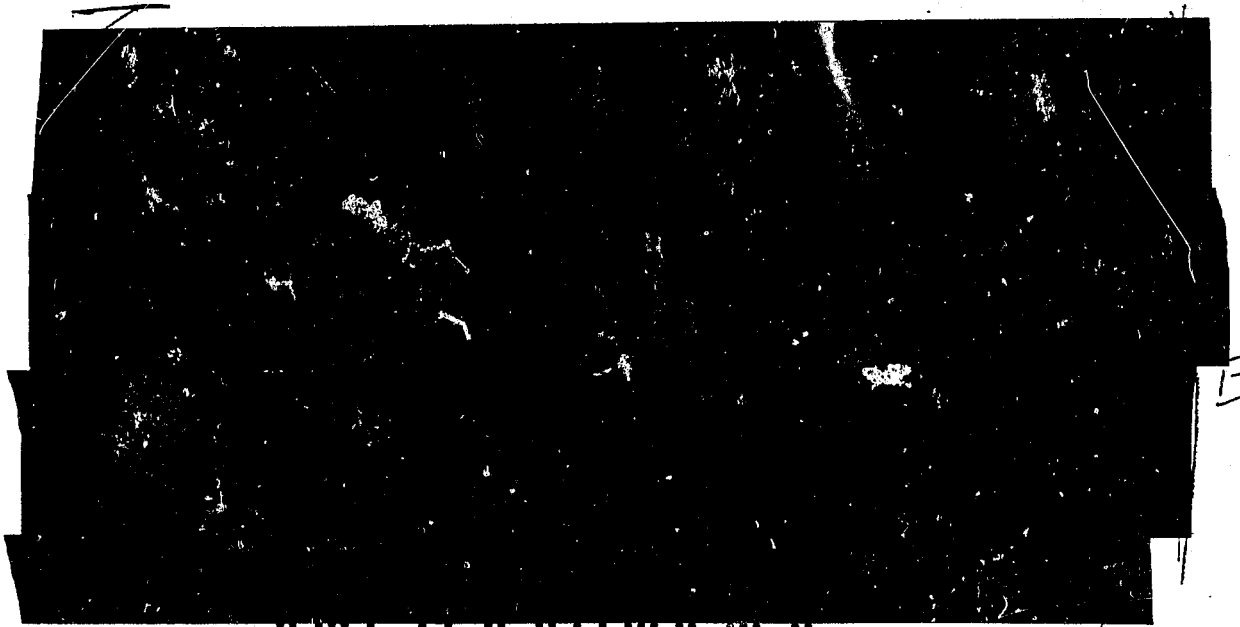
Friday, October 18, 1957

Dr. Ferdinand von Bismarck of the Cultural Relations Department of the Foreign Office, came to see me this morning with a letter from Margaret Lawrance. The principal object of his visit was to ask me to attend a symposium on disarmament under the auspices of the Lutheran Church. I told him the time is impossible from my standpoint, as I would probably be in Spain. We then had a conversation about the difficulties of the disarmament problem.

Mr. Cauley, Washington representative of the Kansas City Star and Times, talked to me about this same problem of disarmament and how, on his trip through Europe, he [redacted] found the people uncertain of the course American foreign policy seemed to be taking, especially in the Middle East.



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Dave Nichol of the Chicago Daily News called on me, primarily to talk about the action about to be taken by the German Government withdrawing diplomatic recognition from Yugoslavia. This is expected to be announced tonight or tomorrow morning.

Yesterday I sent the following letter to Loy Henderson:

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Dear Loy:

I hesitate to direct this letter to you because under ordinary circumstances it should be, I would assume, addressed to GER, to whom I am sending a copy. However, the subject has become entangled jurisdictionally in Germany, is for the moment of special pertinence to the Middle East, and might be of particular interest to you.

Dr. Leverkuehn, a Bundestag Deputy who for a considerable period worked in Wall Street, has become favored by the Chancellor in connection with possible schemes regarding "undeveloped countries". Walter Hallstein sent him to see me yesterday with the request that the three of us meet in about a week for a further conversation.

According to Leverkuehn, the Chancellor was very interested

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of access matters to the DDR. He believes the majority of DDR officials are completely untrustworthy, from the Soviet standpoint. Moreover, like ourselves, he counts on the probable unwillingness of the Russians to abdicate the responsibilities and privileges they enjoy as one of the Four Occupying Powers.

I noticed Hallstein was limping again, and fear his resumption of long and late hours will affect his health.

I took the train to Berlin with the following companions: Mr. Nordness, Walter Roberts, William Paxson (ECON), Maj. and Mrs. Bert Gray (MAAG), Miss Scott and Miss Woodcock of USIS, Miss Petitjean and Miss Dworsky of Econ, Miss Cunningham (ADM) and Miss Auger (ECON).

Wednesday, October 23, 1957

I had a combination day of work and pleasure. I bought a portrait bust in porcelain of Frederick the Great, a large and handsome piece, for which I paid the equivalent of $100. It was made at the Royal Porcelain Manufacturers of Berlin and, as far as they know, with the exception of those that might be in private possession, [redacted] is the only one on sale. The mould was destroyed years ago, so it can never be reproduced.

Willi Brandt, the new Mayor of Berlin, came and lunched with me alone. [redacted]

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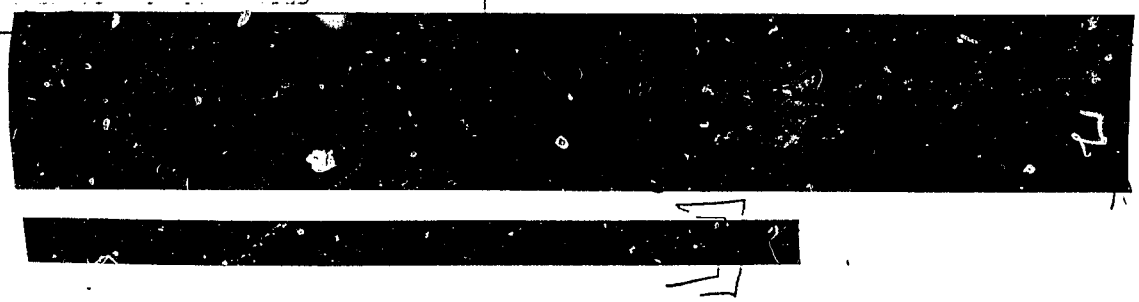

He is a [redacted] attractive man. He thinks the Soviet and DDR Governments will expand their present campaign to irritate and harass the West Berliners, but will not carry things far enough to pose any real threat to the integrity of the West Sector or to the Allied occupation status there. I told him we would be prepared and able to resume the airlift if the worst came to the worst.

I had a talk this afternoon with General Hamlett about a variety of matters, including, of course, shooting. He seems [redacted] an admirable officer, and the relationship between him and the members of our Mission is close and sympathetic.

Tonight I wrote the following telegram to the Secretary:

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Chancellor Adenauer has been confirmed in power for another four years. Even in the event of his death or retirement, his Party, the CDU/CSU, could be expected to maintain its position as the dominant force in West German politics during that period.